THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The payments from DPEA to M/s. IDPL and HAL were made before finalisation of their liability into DPEA.

(c) Government has no information about undue benefit of over Rs. 1 crore on Codeline Phosphate.

(d) to (e) Do not arise.

Chemicals produced in India

1896. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number and description of chemicals produced in India under patents registered abroad;

(b) whether fertilizer produced indigenously is costlier than the imported fertilizer; and

(c) whether States have been advised to buy their fertilizer requirements directly from abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Government does not maintain the list of chemicals produced in India under patents registered abroad.

(b) and (c) The fertilizers produced indigenously are costlier than those imported. Import of Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP) has been decanalised with effect from 17th September, 1992 and any agency including the State Governmonths are free to import the same. Import of other fertilizers are canalised through Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC).

Prices of formulations based on notified prices

1897. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of the formulations are fixed on notified prices of the bulk drugs plus 8 per cent incidental on suo moto basis;

(b) whether Government are aware that the provisions of DPCO, 1987 which enjoin upon the formulators to apply for prices revision within 30 days of change in bulk drugs price have been violated;

(c) what are names of companies and bulk drugs involved;

(d) what steps have been taken to investigate the matter; and

(e) what are the reasons for not fixing formulation prices based on purchase invoices from the formulators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Incidental charges of 8 per cent on notified prices of bulk drugs are allowed only if the price being fixed for the formulation is notified as ceiling price. In all other cases incidentals are allowed as per documents.

(b) to (d) It has been noticed that many a times formulators do not apply for price revision consequent to change in notified price of concerned bulk drugs, however, in cases where consumer interest is involved the Government revises the prices on the basis of available data. This is an ongoing process.

(c) Applicants whenever seeking price fixation/revision of their formulations are required to enclose copies of invoices alongwith their applications. Where the notified price and/or the DGHS weighed average import price of a bulk drug is found to be lower than the price claimed, purchase invoices even if submitted are not taken into account in pricing formulations.